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SUBJECT: AFGHAN INVESTIGATION OF JULY 1975 INSURGENCY

1. SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) NOW CLAIMS IT HAS EVIDENCE OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN (GOP) INVOLVEMENT IN INSURGENCY WHICH OCCURRED IN PARTS OF AFGHANISTAN IN JULY 1975. GOA DOES NOT WANT THIS EVIDENCE REVEALED OUTSIDE GOA AND U.S. GOVERNMENT (USSG) PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS. GOA BELIEVES BEST COURSE FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN GOA/GOP AFFAIRS IS STRICT NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHERS' AFFAIRS AND THEREBY CREATION OF ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH RESUMPTION OF QUIET NEGOTIATIONS MAY EVENTUALLY BE POSSIBLE.

2. CHARGE HAS BEEN GIVEN PRELIMINARY BRIEFING

ON FIRST RESULTS OF INTERROGATION OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED IN AFTERMATH OF INSURGENCY INCIDENTS WHICH REPORTED IN AFGHANISTAN BETWEEN JULY 23 AND JULY 27.

SAID ONLY "CLOSEST FRIENDS" OF GOA BEING CONFIDED IN. ACCORDING TO "CLOSEST FRIENDS" (FOR THIS EXERCISE) ARE USSG AND IRAN. WHEN ASKED WHETHER USSR INFORMED.

SAID SOVIETS WILL BE BRIEFED AT A LATER DATE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS "PERSONAL, INFORMAL BRIEFING" READ

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FROM PREPARED TEXT AND SAID THAT GOA WISHES INFORMATION PASSED ON TO USSR. [ ] SAID, HOWEVER, HE HOPED THAT USSR WOULD NOT PASS ON "FACTS" TO GCP SINCE GOA WANTED TO COMPLETE ITS INVESTIGATION WITHOUT "CHASING PAK HARES INTO THEIR BURROWS."

3. [ ] SAID MAIN PLOTTER OF RECENT INSURGENCY ATTEMPT WAS "MALAME HARIBURAHMAN" WHO WAS CAPTURED IN NANGARHAR ON JULY 26. ACCORDING TO GHAUS, HARIBURAHMAN WAS KABUL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR UNTIL JULY 1973 COUP. HE FLED TO FAJRIABAD (NEAR PESHAWAR) AFTER EXPOSURE OF MAIWANDAL "CONSPIRACY" WITH WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY HAD BEEN CONNECTED. [ ]

4. HARIBURAHMAN'S CONFESSION SAYS GOAL OF CONSPIRACY WAS OVERTHROW OF DAQUD REGIME AND INSTITUTION OF CALIPHATE. PRESIDENT DAQUD, MINISTERS ABDEL ELLAH, MINAGR BAKHTARI, MINISTERS FAIZ MOHAMMAD AND SECURITY CHIEF NURISTANI WERE TO HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED. SUPPOSEDLY, FIRST COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE CALIPHATE WERE TO BE PAKISTAN, IRAN, TURKEY, KUWAIT AND EGYPT.

5. HARIBURAHMAN SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THAT IN SPRING 1975 PAKS BEGAN TO BACK OFF FROM PROJECT [ ]

6. DIRECTOR GENERAL STATED THAT GIVEN REVELATIONS IN CONFESSION, THERE WAS PRESENTLY NO HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

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7. CHARGE STATED USG HOPE THAT OCCASIONAL UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS IN AFGHAN/PAK RELATIONS WOULD NOT IMPEDE LONG-TERM GOAL OF ESTABLISHING MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP. CHARGE WONDERED ALOOF WHETHER, IF GOP REALLY INTERESTED IN FOMENTING SERIOUS TROUBLE IN AFGHANISTAN, PAKS WOULD GO ABOUT IT IN SUCH A CLUMSY, AMATEURISH FASHION? GHJUS RETORTED THAT PAK AIM WAS TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR ITS OWN SAKE, TO KEEP GOA OFF BALANCE. "BHUTTO KNOWS HE CAN'T OVERTHROW OUR PRESIDENT."

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8. CHARGE ASKED WHETHER GOA ENGAGING IN ANY OPERATIONS FOR WHICH "UNLEASHING" HASIBURAHMAN PLOT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED WRIST SLAP BY PAKS FOR AFGHAN MISCHIEF IN, SAY BALUCHISTAN, AS AN EXAMPLE. [ ] DENIED GOA DOING ANYTHING WHICH WOULD MERIT RETALIATION.

9. CHARGE THEN REITERATED USG REGRET THAT TWO COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN PROBLEMS. GHJUS SAID HIS VIEW WAS THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF NO INCIDENTS ON PART OF PAKISTANIS SO THAT ADVOCATES OF NORMALCY ON GOA SIDE CAN REGROUP AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP THE ATMOSPHERE FOR A RESUMPTION OF TALKS (GHJUS, OF COURSE, REFLECTING GOA VIEW THAT ALL VILLANY IN PRESENT SITUATION ORIGINATED ON PAK SIDE OF BORDER).

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10. FYI: [ ] WHO WAS IN PANJSHIR JUST PRIOR TO TROUBLE, HAS TOLD US THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCONTENT WITH DAQUD GOVERNMENT OVER TAXES AND FOOD SHORT-AGES. [ ]

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11. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT JULY INSURGENCY, WHILE NOT POSING A VIABLE THREAT TO DAQUD REGIME, DID FRIGHTEN THE GOA AND WE SENSE SOME GROPING AROUND BY THE GOVERNMENT TO "EXPLAIN" THE INSURGENCY TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND TO THEMSELVES. ACCUSING PAKISTAN IS A CONVENIENT "EXPLANATION" AND YET WE BELIEVE GOA CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY CANNOT PROVOKE THE GOP TO THE POINT OF A CRISIS WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE BORDER CLOSINGS OR INTERFERENCE WITH KARACHI TRANSIT TRAFFIC.

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0000 [ ] SUGGESTION THAT THERE NOW BE A PERIOD OF "NO INCIDENTS" IS PROBABLY WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED NOW FROM GDA PUNCTUATED, PERHAPS, BY OCCASIONAL BURSTS OF RHETORIC AGAINST PAK PERFDY.

THE EMBASSY IN KABUL PLANS TO CONTINUE USING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO URGE RESTRAINT AND STATESMANSHIP TO GDA IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.  
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